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STEEL PLATES FOR ULTRA-HIGH-STRENGTH LINEPIPES

AND ULTRA-HIGH-STRENGTH LINEPIPES HAVING

EXCELLENT LOW-TEMPERATURE TOUGHNESS AND

MANUFACTURING METHODS THEREOF

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

SIR:

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully

requested. This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2009.